**In our Japanese classes………**

In **Kindergarten**, we continue to practice vocabulary for daily greetings and classroom routines. We are also working on a unit called *Numbers and Colors in our World* and will be using these news words to make some math patterns and follow a chart, describe different objects in our classroom, etc. We will also start to practice some simple writing in Japanese by copying our numbers from 1-10 using Kanji characters. Ask your children to sing a song that we have learned in class for you!

In **Grade 1**, we use everyday language to complete our daily routines during Japanese class and are talking about our families; who is in our family, how many family members we have, their names, etc. We will be reading many books together, about the things we do with our families and family members. We’ll be learning about a special holiday in Japan in November as well, that happens to kids in families in Japan that are about our age (7-5-3 day). We’ve met our old pal “Keroppi” again from Kindergarten and he is helping us learn our new words and phrases again in First Grade Japanese.



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In **Grade 4** Japanese, we are working on introducing ourselves by saying our name, age, year in school, likes and dislikes as well as describing our state of WI and talking about other states in the US. We began a project where we will write about ourselves and our state of Wisconsin and send it to a 4th grade class at our Sister School in Japan next month.

In **Grade 5** Japanese, we are continuing to practice reading and writing the 3 Japanese writing systems as well as practicing *asking and answering* questions about ourselves, such as our names, ages, where we live, etc.  We began talking about things that have happened in the past, dates, places we have gone and things we have done. We’ll present a timeline of our life to the class next month. Homework assignments are given when necessary to reinforce topics/materials covered during class.  Please ask your child/children to tell you about what they are learning during class or even encourage him/her to teach you what they have learned!

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In **Grade 3** Japanese, we continue to learn about the Hiragana alphabet and will begin concentrating on putting characters together to spell 2 and 3 character words! Ask your kids to write something for you! We are also working on introducing ourselves in Japanese, talking about who we are and where we live, as we look at beginning our study of the continents and biomes that will continue throughout 3rd grade Japanese this year.

In **Grade 2**, we are expanding our knowledge of two and three digit numbers written in Kanji (Chinese) characters and we will soon begin to talk about the concepts of time in Japanese. We have learned that the symbol for sun and moon are used on the Japanese calendar to talk about the date; ask your kids about it! In Second grade we learn about and participate in activities that tie to monthly festivals and/or celebrations in Japan.

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